# Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 Noon, on Saturday, the 8th December 1917/23rd Vrischigam 1093.

*Present.*

DEWAN BAHADUR M. KRISHNAN NAIR ESQ., B. A. & B. L.,
DEWAN.....*Presiding.*

A. J. Vieyra Esq., B. A.
V. Subba Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
Rao Bahadur K. V. Rengaswami Aiyangar Esq., M. A.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
I. C. Chacko Esq., B. A., B. SC.
K. G. Sesha Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
T. K. Velu Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
Paul Daniel Esq., M. A. & L. T.
A. Govinda Menon Esq., B. A.
M. Subrahmanya Pillai Esq.

K. Narayanan Pandalay Esq., B. A. & B. L.....*Secretary.*

The Secretary reported that the Press Regulation Amendment Bill which was finally passed by the Council on the 14th September 1917, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 31st October 1917 and became law as Regulation I of 1093.

## THE TRAVANCORE SURVEY AND BOUNDARIES BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in introducing a Bill to amend the Boundaries Regulation, III of 1058, said as follows:—

"I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Boundaries Regulation, III of 1058. The scope of the Bill is sufficiently explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I also explained the main principle of the Bill at the last meeting of the Council while asking for permission to introduce it. I do not think that I need add anything to what I have already stated. I therefore beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed."

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Kuriyan, Govinda Menon and the Mover, to report within three months.

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswamy Aiyangar.

Carried.

## THE LAND IMPROVEMENT AND AGRICULTURAL LOANS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then introduced a Bill to amend the Agricultural Improvement Loans Regulation, IV of 1066, as amended by Regulation, III of 1085, and, in doing so, spoke as follows:—

"Sir,

Though Travancore is mainly an agricultural country the produce raised in it is not sufficient to maintain its own population. It is common knowledge that a large quantity of paddy worth many lakhs has to be imported into the country every year. With a view therefore to enlarge the area of cultivation and with a view to encourage the ryots who though having the inclination to improve their lands have not the means to do so, the Agricultural Loans Regulation, IV of 1066, was passed. The Regulation has been in existence for about twenty seven years and it cannot be said that the object with which the Regulation was passed has been fulfilled. It was however brought to the notice of the Government at the Sessions of the Sri Moolam Popular Assembly in the years 1905, 1907, and 1908 that the Regulation was not applicable to improvement of garden lands and that, if the Regulation were amended, it will be of real help to the agriculturists. In pursuance to the above representations, the amending Regulation of 1085 was passed. In spite of this amendment the Regulation continues to be practically inoperative as will be seen from the small number of applications received from year to year. At the 11th Session of the Sri Moolam Popular Assembly Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappillay, Member.

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